

Appl. No. 09/862,830
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 31-33 are pending. Basis for inserting the term "liquid" to Claim 1 is found *inter alia* at page 6, line 33 of the specification. New Claims 31, 32, and 33 have been added.

Reject Under 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph.

The Office Action rejects the claims under 35 USC 112, 2nd Paragraph. Applicant attempts to amend the claims consistent with the Examiner's suggestions. As such, the rejection is now overcome.

Rejection Under 35 USC 103(a) Over Ehrlich.

The Office Action rejects the claims under 35 USC 103(a) independently over Ehrlich (U.S. Patent No. 4,099,912). Applicant amends the claims to overcome the rejection.

Applicant submits Ehrlich fails to teach or suggest *inter alia* "a liquid fabric conditioning composition applied to the fabric article during the rinse cycle or a dryer sheet composition." In contrast, Ehrlich teach, according to the Office Action, "...the perfume would have been distributed to the quaternary softener tablet, the quaternary softener tablet being separately tableted and added to the rinse water, hence, would satisfy the limitation of the claim's 'wherein the perfume of the laundry detergent composition and perfume of the fabric treatment composition provide a consistent odor on a treated fabric article.'" (Emphasis added). Applicants specifically exclude tablets from the scope of the claims by now limiting the fabric conditioning composition to a liquid or sheet form. As such, the rejection is now overcome.

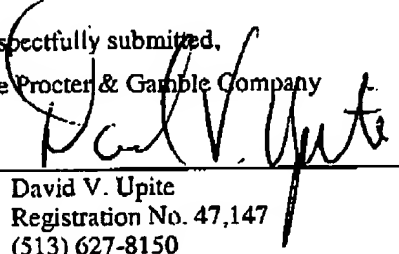
Conclusion

Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

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